

John's Journey - Day 15

April 15, 2009

Fair Oaks, AR to Brinkley

Last night I tried to charge up the battery - the generator quit working on the charging system. Not sure what's wrong - glad I had a back-up battery this morning.

I pulled out at 8:00 AM. I had a good ride today. It was sure a pretty day. Before I left, I got a picture of the New Holland Dealership "Baltz Equipment Company" in Fair Oaks, AR.



We drove past some fields of rice paddies. I haven't seen those in quite a while.



We drove about 26 miles today. In case you are wondering that's about 7 hours. We arrived in Brinkley late afternoon.

I stopped at Gene's Restaurant & BBQ Jessie Arnett has a lot next door & he let me use his lot for the night. I really appreciate that & so do the mules.

I put the electric fence up so they could walk around & relax for the night. I put them inside and all Jack wanted to do was lay down & scratch his back. He lay down too close to the fence & got his leg caught up in it. I saw what happened & quickly turned off the power, but not before he got a pretty good shock. They are both okay & munching on hay & grain.

A couple of police officers came by & we talked for a few minutes. They wished me well & to take care.

Shortly after that a reporter came by from the local paper & interviewed me.

By this time I was ready for some supper myself. I met a lady there named Miriam Reed. We struck up a conversation & had a good time. She bought me dinner & I truly appreciated it. Gene cooks up some mighty fine food. It was really great & filling.

Gene DuPries owns the restaurant. He gave me a Tee Shirt from the restaurant. His daughter Connie sure took a liking to Britt. She's happily devouring some meaty rib bones that Connie gave to her.

Tomorrow I'm going to take Highway 70 to 17 South to Highway 79 west toward Clarendon, AR. From there, I'll continue to travel down Highway 79 heading towards Pine Bluff, AR.

I have never worked so hard enjoying myself as I have in the past two weeks. But I'm having the time of my life and loving every minute of it.

This is the last update probably until Monday or Tuesday—Check back then.